

FARMS AND FARMLAND UTILIZATION

The number of farms in New York (*places selling \$1,000 or more of agricultural products in a year*) totaled 37,000 in 2003, the same as a year earlier. Land in farms totaled 7.65 million acres. Farmland accounts for 25 percent of the State's total land area.

Total cropland stands at 4.93 million acres and accounts for 64 percent of total land operated. Harvested cropland at 3.76 million acres represents 49 percent of total land operated. Field crops such as corn, hay, haylage and greenchop, small grains, potatoes, soybeans and other field crops account for 93.4 percent



of the total cropland harvested. Vegetable crops make up 4.1 percent and fruit crops 2.5 percent.

Estimates of farmland utilization are shown in table 2 below. The estimates are based on annual surveys with about 10,000 farms reporting each year.

Table 2. **FARMS AND FARMLAND:** Number of Farms, Land in Farms and Land Use, New York, 1994-2003

Item	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of farms	38,500	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	39,000	38,000	37,500	37,000	37,000
Acres per farm	205	208	205	205	205	200	203	204	207	207
	<i>Thousand acres</i>									
Land in farms	7,900	7,900	7,800	7,800	7,800	7,800	7,700	7,660	7,660	7,650
Cropland, Total	5,000	5,000	4,980	4,980	4,980	5,030	4,960	4,910	4,910	4,930
Cropland harvested, Total	3,808	3,700	3,730	3,760	3,770	3,890	3,640	3,740	3,730	3,760
Field crops harvested	3,562	3,446	3,482	3,510	3,519	3,643	3,385	3,478	3,480	3,512
Vegetable crops harvested	144	155	146	152	154	150	159	166	155	153
Fruit crops harvested	102	99	102	97	97	97	96	96	95	95
Cropland Pasture	690	710	700	680	670	640	630	630	630	630
Other Cropland	502	590	550	540	540	500	690	540	550	540
Permanent Pasture ^{1/}	680	680	670	670	670	640	630	630	630	620
Woodland ^{2/}	1,600	1,600	1,560	1,560	1,560	1,530	1,520	1,520	1,520	1,510
Other Land ^{3/}	620	620	590	590	590	600	590	600	600	590

^{1/} Excludes cropland and woodland pasture.

^{2/} Includes woodland pasture.

^{3/} Includes house lots, ponds, roads, waste, etc.